

House File 2417 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 2139)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning the eligibility of students who transfer
2 or open enroll to participate in varsity interscholastic
3 athletic contests.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.46, Code 2022, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. The rules shall provide that a child
4 who transfers to a school and who does not meet a circumstance
5 described in subsection 1 shall be ineligible to participate
6 in varsity interscholastic athletic contests and competitions
7 during the child's first ninety calendar days of enrollment in
8 the school.

9 Sec. 2. Section 282.18, subsection 11, paragraph a,
10 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2022, is amended to read as
11 follows:

12 A pupil who participates in open enrollment for purposes of
13 attending a grade in grades nine through twelve in a school
14 district other than the district of residence is ineligible to
15 participate in varsity interscholastic athletic contests and
16 athletic competitions during the pupil's first ninety ~~school~~
17 calendar days of enrollment in the district. However, a pupil
18 may participate immediately in a varsity interscholastic sport
19 under any of the following circumstances:

20 EXPLANATION

21 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
22 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

23 This bill changes the period of time a student must wait
24 to participate in varsity interscholastic athletic contests
25 and competitions from 90 school days to 90 calendar days after
26 the student open enrolls in, or transfers to, a new school
27 district.